



**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	: Guy AZAM et al.	)	
Appln. No.	: 09/926,086	)	Group Art Unit 3765
I.A. Filed	: December 22, 2000	)	Examiner James G. SMITH
For	: LACE-UP TIGHTENING DEVICE FOR	)	Confirmation No. 3803
	AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, AND AN	)	
	ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR EQUIPPED	)	
	WITH SUCH DEVICE (As Amended)	)	

*Handwritten signature and date: 1/30/03*

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111  
 TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 29, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated October 29, 2002, please enter the following amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Title of the Invention**

Please change the title of the invention to the following: --Lace-Up Tightening Device  
for an Article of Footwear, and an Article of Footwear Equipped With Such Device --.

**In the Specification**

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.125(b), please replace the specification (excluding claims) with the attached substitute specification (a "marked-up" version of the substitute specification, indicating revisions thereof by underlining and bracketing, also being attached).